INTELLOFAX 17 Approved For Releaser 20000765/173EN CHANGED P82-0045 RRECORT 6004

CLASSIFICATION CLASSIFICATION

025X4A0404

CD NO.

INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY Syria/Jordan CONFIDENTIAL

DATE DISTR 16 JAN 50

SUBJECT

Comments by Subhi Abu-Ghanimah

NO. OF PAGES 1

25X1A

FLACE ACQUIRED NO. OF ENCLS.

ESTE OF INFO

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

- 1. Subhi Abu-Ghanimah, Jordanian opposition leader in Damascus, claims to have a letter from Shukri Quanatli in which the latter expressed his continued optimism that Syrian politics soon would be such as to allow him to return to Syria as the rightful head of the Government. Quawatli added that he was "seriously considering" moving to Beirut" where he could be in closer touch with his friends.
- 2. Abu-Chaninah asserts that he is not active in politics which, source states, is probably true, since Abu-Chaninah is maintaining a large medical practice and spends all of his extra time in social activity which obviously is not connected with politics.
- 3. Abu-Chaninah described Salah-al-Din Bizri / former head of the Syrian Deuxiène Bureau as a "fino and sincere young man," but stated that he does not have plans to work with Bizri actively on the question of the annexation of Jordan without King 'Abdullah, after a Syro-Iraqi union has been effected.

25X1A

which reported that Quawatli 250 Your in Beirut since 18 December 1949.

On 7 December 1919, Bizri stated that, although he is aware that King 'Abdullah is opposed to Syro-Iraqi union since the plan did not originate with him, the union eventually would include Jordan. Bizri added, "If 'Abdullah opposes us, though, out he goes. In this plan we are not thinking in terms of dynastics but in terms of principles. If 'Abdullah won't have it, Abu-Ghanimah will."

> This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.

Next Review Date: 2008

Document No D D

CLASSIFICATION

NAVY NSRB DISTRIBUTION STATE EV ARMY A AIR